A deputation from London West, composed of Messrs. W. W. Fitzgerald, D. C. Macdonald, R. F. Lacey, Dan. Collins, W. Spence, W. H. Bartram and James Campbell, being present, were heard

Ald Stringer moved "that having heard the deputation of London West explain their grievance relating to the Water-works dam, we desire to say that we have no jurisdiction in the matter or control over the dam, and we respectfully decline to take any action in the matter." Ald. Hodgins seconded.

In amendment, Ald. Kingston moved "That having heard the deputation from London West in reference to their grievance as to the Water-works dam, we recommend that the matter be referred to the Water Commissioners, this Council having no jurisdiction."

Ald. Cowan seconded.

A vote was then taken upon the matter, when the amendment was lost and the original motion carried.

### NO. 1 COMMITTEE REPORT.

By Ald. Scarrow, Chairman:—

1—Your Committee having examined the following accounts and finding them correct, recommend the same for payment:—

NO. 1 COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS.

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| *Incidental Expenses—* | | |
| Dr. Woodruff | | $ 2 50 |
| *County of Middlesex—* | | |
| Court House and Jail maintenance | $785 30 | |
| Repairs, &c | 38 01— | 823 31 |
| *Election Expenses—* | | |
| By-law | 100 00 | |
| Municipal Election | 154 50— | 254 50 |
| | | $1,080 31 |

NO. 2 COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS.

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| *Sewers—* | | |
| M. Cox | $ 89 13 | |
| J. Sussex | 7 40 | |
| J. McConnell | 1 25— | $ 97 78 |
| *Streets, &c.—* | | |
| Pay sheet, 16th | 68 05 | |
| " " 23rd | 43 90 | |
| J. Donohue | 55 66 | |
| Ferguson Bros | 6 52— | 174 13 |
| *Victoria Park—* | | |
| E. Howard | 20 87 | |
| R. Leigh | 18 50— | 39 37 |
| *City Hall—* | | |
| W. Hinton | | 9 00 |
| *Registry Office—* | | |
| S. McBride | | 9 31 |
| *Hospital—* | | |
| Mason & Dudley | | 2 25 |
| | | $331 85 |

RELIEF ACCOUNTS.

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|---|---|---|
| G. T. R. R. Passes | $ 31 1 | |
| B. Cottam | 5 3 | |
| Sundry Payments, Mayor | 12 50 — | $49 00 |
| Total accounts | | $1,461 15 |

2—That the petition of Ann Brandon be granted by allowing a rebate of $10, being half 1884 taxes.

3—That the prayer of the petitions of Eliza Harris, a deaf mute, and Mrs. Hanovan for re mission of 1884 taxes be granted.

4—That the petitions of H. Mathewson and Chapman for remission of street watering rat for 1884 be granted.

5—That the petitions of Miss Moore, secretar P. O. Home, and F. H. Heath, secretary Y.M.C A., for remission of fee for light and heat entertainments held in the City Hall be filed.

6—That the circular and copy of resolution the County of Oxford, *re* recoupment of railro bonuses, be filed.

7—That the petitions of Robert H. Welbur E. B. Smith, A. W. Mitchell, G. M. Bovelle a R. J. Walsh for remission of income tax be file your Committee having no power.

8—That the petition of T. W. Cathro, Mr Clark, Albert Smith and John Evans, for reba of taxes on account of vacant premises, filed, your Committee having no jurisdiction the matter.

9—Your Committee beg to report progress the communications of A. W. Wright, Secreta Anti-tax Exemption Association, also of Isa Danks, Secretary Water Commissioners, *re* m extensions.

10—Your Committee beg to report progres the petitions of James Lang, R. Hookaway Co., Alex. McIntosh, J. H. Belton, M. Oxley, Willis, Jane Fleming, W. Scott, Frank Tow cio, Mrs. McEwen and John Baillie.

11—Your Committee beg to recommend grant of two hundred dollars to the Wome Christian Association, out of the appropria for relief account for 1885.

12.—Your Committee beg to submit pa and communications received by your com tee, *re* sale of Exhibition Grounds.

13—That the notice received from the Do on Savings and Investment Society, *re* arr of taxes on certain property, be filed.

14—Your Committee beg to report, that suit against the city, *re* claim of the Count Middlesex for a proportion of the Sheriff Clerk of the Peace charges for administra of justice for the years 1879, 1880 and amounting to $1,067, has been settled by a ment of $1,000 by the city, and each party ing its own costs in the suit.

15—That the petition of Ellen Fletcher remission of taxes, be granted, by allowi rebate of $5.50, being one-half of 1884 taxe

On motion the report was taken clause by clause.

Clauses 1, 2, 3, 4 adopted.

On clause 5

Ald. Stringer moved in amendment the prayer of the petition from the testant Home be granted. Ald. O'M seconded. Lost.

Yeas—Ald. Taylor, Watson, O'M Hook, Stringer—5

Nays—Ald. Green, Cowan, King Brown, Scarrow, Hodgins, Christie—

Clause adopted.

Clauses 6, 7, 8, and the balance report passed, and the whole report adopted.

### NOTICES OF MOTION.

By Ald. Stringer—I will move next meeting of this Council, that expedient for the better carrying street improvements, that the ci

divided into divisions, and all that portion of the city lying north of Dundas street will be known as the northern division, and all that portion of the city lying south of Dundas street will be known as the southern division; and that two Commissioners be employed for six months of the year, commencing on the first day of April in each year, whose duty it will be to superintend all street improvements under the direction of the City Engineer, salary not to exceed $50 per month.

By Ald. Kingston—That I will move at next meeting that the Clerk be instructed to communicate with the Provincial Government, requesting them to so amend the Assessment Act that Local Municipalities may, if they deem it desirable, assess certain property heretofore exempted from taxation.

By Ald. Taylor—That in view of the expression of dissatisfaction in the cost and management generally of our city hospital, and in justice to the present officials of the institution, I will move that a committee consisting of the following members be appointed :— Alds. Kingston, Hodgins, Hook, the mover and Mr Jewell, auditor, to thoroughly investigate into the manner in which the books of the hospital have been and are being kept, and also into the general management of the institution in every particular for the years 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884.

By Ald. Cowan—That at the next meeting of the Council I will move the following resolution :—"That in accordance with sec. 21, chap. 18, Ontario Statutes, 1883, affirming the expediency of a new division into wards being made of the city or a part of the same, either within the existing limits, or with the addition of any part of the localities adjacent, which form the proximity of streets or buildings therein, or the probable future exigencies of the city, all that portion of lands and buildings situated in the Township of Westminster and known as London South be annexed to the city, the boundaries of the same to be surveyed and defined, and reported on by the City Engineer."

### THE EXHIBITION GROUNDS.

Ald. Green moved that James Cowan, Joseph Hook, T D. Hodgins and the mover be a committee to select several of the most suitable sites for Fair Grounds, to be submitted to the public if satisfactory to the East Middlesex Agricultural Society. Ald. Hodgins seconded.

In amendment, Ald. Taylor moved that the Council instruct No. 2 Committee to advertise for offers of land and price per acre, locality and quantity, suitable for exhibition and military purposes, the Mayor and Committee to inspect the different localities and report to the Council. Ald. O'Meara seconded.

In further amendment, Ald. Kingston moved that the Clerk be instructed to advertise for sites for Exhibition and Military purposes, the parties offering the same to state location, quantity of land and price per acre, and that such applications be considered by the Council in Committee of the Whole. Ald. Christie seconded.

This amendment and the original amendment were put and lost.

On motion of Ald. Hodgins, seconded by Ald. Christie, the name of Ald. Kingston was added to the Committee in the original motion.

Ald. Taylor moved an amendment to the effect, that the matter be considered by the whole Council, but his Worship ruled it out of order.

The original motion was then put and carried.

### ISSUING OF DEBENTURES.

Ald. Taylor moved that whereas a notice appears in the *Ontario Gazette*, that application will be made by this Council to the Ontario Legislature for power to issue debentures for $150,000, to be expended in land for exhibition and military purposes; and whereas, in the opinion of this Council it is inexpedient to increase the debenture debt of the city: and whereas, the proceeds of sale of the present grounds should be used for the purchase of other grounds and buildings, therefore resolved, that the notice now in the *Ontario Gazette* be withdrawn. Ald. Hodgins seconded.

Ald. Hodgins made a few remarks in support of the resolution.

Ald. Stringer thought the motion, if carried, would stop the sale of the grounds. The notice was given by the Council of last year so as to throw no barrier in the way of this Council. They could not get the cash for the grounds at once, and it was the best plan to issue the debentures.

Ald. Taylor said his motion was made on the ground of economy, and he pointed out that they could sell the lands, require a certain amount paid down, and take mortgages on the property so that the money would be coming in, and they could use it to make payments on the new grounds. There was a debt of a million and a-half dollars on the city the interest on which took fully one half the taxes collected in the city, and he was sure no citizen would want to put another yoke around their neck. He thought the grounds should be made to pay for themselves.

Ald. Watson considered no dis